

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method for outputting a performance, comprising:
2 receiving performance information via a network;
3 composing the performance by mixing stored information with one or
4 more portions of the received performance information; and
5 outputting the performance.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 recording the performance information; and
3 outputting a second performance using the recorded performance
4 information as stored information.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, the composing the performance comprising:
2 retrieving one or more commands from the performance information;
3 decoding the one or more commands; and
4 performing one or more tasks instructed by the commands.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein performing the one or more tasks
2 comprises executing a macro.
- 1 5. The method of claim 4, wherein executing the macro comprises:
2 retrieving the macro based on the decoded one or more commands;
3 decoding the macro to generate a macro command sequence; and
4 executing the macro command sequence.
- 1 6. The method of claim 5, wherein executing the respective commands
2 comprises one or more of:
3 generating a sequence of commands for outputting the performance; and
4 assembling one or more stored command sequences for outputting the
5 performance.
- 1 7. The method of claim 5, wherein executing the macro command sequence
2 comprises:
3 retrieving audio and/or video synthesis information;
4 retrieving information indicating desired output content; and
5 generating synthesized performance information based on the audio and/or
6 video synthesis information and the information indicating the desired output content.

1 8. The method of claim 3, wherein performing the one or more tasks
2 comprises reproducing a real-time transmission included in the performance information.

1 9. The method of claim 3, further comprising:
2 executing programming commands;
3 generating a sequence of commands based on the executed programming
4 commands; and
5 incorporating the decoded commands into the sequence of commands.

1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein incorporating the decoded commands
2 includes adding onto, interrupting, switching or replacing one or more commands within
3 the sequence of commands, and the one or more portions of the performance are added
4 onto, interrupted, switched or replaced based upon the incorporated decoded commands.

1 11. The method of claim 3, wherein performing one or more tasks comprises:
2 retrieving audio and/or video synthesis information;
3 retrieving information indicating desired output content; and
4 generating synthesized performance information based on the audio and/or
5 video synthesis information and the information indicating the desired output content.

1 12. The method of claim 3, wherein the one or more commands includes one
2 or more of programming commands that execute a software program, housekeeping
3 commands that load, delete, change or overlay stored information, and performance
4 commands that instruct to reproduce stored information from one or more specified
5 locations of a storage device.

1 13. A method for storing information for use with a performance reproduction
2 device, comprising:

3 providing a storage device; and
4 storing information, one or more portions of the stored information being
5 retrievable based on one or more commands received by the performance reproduction
6 device via a network.

1 14. The method of claim 13, further comprising encrypting the information
2 such that the information is readable only with the aid of a key.

1 15. The method of claim 14, wherein the key is transmitted via the network.

1 16. A storage medium storing first information for reproducing a performance,
2 the first information controlling a network-controlled performance reproduction device to
3 perform:

1 receiving first performance information via a network, the performance
2 information including at least one or more commands; and

3 retrieving second performance information stored in the network-
4 controlled performance reproduction device based on the one or more commands.

1 17. The storage medium of claim 16, wherein the second information is stored
2 on the storage medium storing the first information.

1 18. A pseudo-live performance output device, comprising:

2 a controller that receives performance information via a network and
3 composes the performance by mixing stored information with one or more portions of the
4 received performance information; and

5 an output device that outputs the performance.

1 19. The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 18, further
2 comprising a recording device that records the performance information, wherein the
3 output device outputs a second performance using the recorded performance information
4 as stored information.

1 20. The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 18, wherein the
2 controller:

3 retrieves one or more commands from the performance information;
4 decodes the one or more commands; and
5 performs one or more tasks instructed by the commands.

1 21. The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 20, wherein
2 performing the one or more tasks comprises executing a macro.

1 22. The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 21, wherein
2 executing the macro comprises:

3 retrieving the macro based on the decoded one or more commands;
4 decoding the macro to generate a macro command sequence; and
5 executing the macro command sequence.

1 23. The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 22, wherein
2 executing the macro command sequence comprises one or more of:
3 generating a sequence of commands for outputting the performance; and
4 assembling one or more stored command sequences for outputting the
5 performance.

1 24. The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 22, wherein
2 executing the macro command sequence comprises:
3 retrieving audio and/or video synthesis information;
4 retrieving information indicating desired output content; and
5 generating synthesized performance information based on the audio and/or
6 video synthesis information and the information indicating the desired output content.

1 25. The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 20, wherein
2 performing the one or more tasks comprises reproducing a real-time transmission
3 included in the performance information.

1 26. The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 20, wherein the
2 controller:
3 executes programming commands;
4 generates a sequence of commands based on the executed programming
5 commands; and
6 incorporates the decoded commands into the sequence of commands.

1 27. The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 26, wherein
2 incorporating the decoded commands includes adding onto, interrupting, switching or
3 replacing one or more commands within the sequence of commands, and the one or more
4 portions of the performance are added onto, interrupted, switched or replaced based upon
5 the incorporated decoded commands.

1 28. The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 20, wherein
2 performing one or more tasks comprises:
3 retrieving audio and/or video synthesis information;
4 retrieving information indicating desired output content; and
5 generating synthesized performance information based on the audio and/or
6 video synthesis information and the information indicating the desired output content.

1 29. The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 20, wherein the one
2 or more commands include one or more of programming commands that execute a
3 software program, housekeeping commands that load, delete, change or overlay stored
4 information, and performance commands that instruct to reproduce stored information
5 from one or more specified locations of a storage device.

1 30. A storage device for use with a performance reproduction device, the
2 storage device storing information, one or more portions of the stored information being
3 retrievable based on one or more commands received by the performance reproduction
4 device via a network.

1 31. The storage device of claim 30, wherein the stored information is
2 encrypted such that the stored information is readable only with the aid of a key.

1 32. The storage device of claim 31, wherein the key is transmitted via the
2 network.